

Now Available in Jefferson County!!

A promotional poster for the 'Property Fraud Alert' service in Jefferson County. The poster features a dark blue background with a forest scene on the left. At the top left, 'JEFFERSON COUNTY' is written in white. In the center, 'PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT' is displayed in white, with a red mountain peak icon between 'FRAUD' and 'ALERT'. On the top right, there is a photo of Staci Hoffman, the Jefferson County Register of Deeds, with her name and title below it. A white box with a red border contains the following text: 'According to the FBI, Property and Mortgage Fraud is the fastest growing white-collar crime. It can be as simple as someone recording a fraudulent document in the County Land Records offices making it look like they now own your home or property. To address these concerns, your Land Records office has teamed up to create a notification service that will help you combat the effects of Land fraud and other similar fraudulent activities.' Below this is the text 'SIGN UP NOW!' in large, bold letters, with 'NOW!' in red. Underneath is a row of red mountain peaks. The text continues: 'It's simple! Just enter your personal and/or business name and you will be notified when a document is recorded with your name match.' At the bottom of the white box is a URL: <https://www.propertyfraudalert.com/>. In the bottom right corner of the poster, contact information is provided: '(920) 674-7235', 'Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. CDT.', '311 S. Center Ave., Room 102, Jefferson, WI 53549', and 'Jefferson County Register of Deeds, All rights reserved.'

While property fraud is not rampant in Wisconsin, especially in Jefferson County, it is always best to take precautions when they are available. This is a free service to all Jefferson County property owners so why not take advantage of it! Simply enter your name or business name and get notified either by telephone or email any time there is a document recorded in the Jefferson County Register of Deeds office with the name you have provided. It's also useful for knowing when a document you want recorded is actually submitted; use this tool to find out when your deed, mortgage or satisfaction have been recorded. This is a great way to keep track of your real estate records!

If you have any questions just give us a call at 674-7235.

Staci M. Hoffman
Jefferson County Register of Deeds